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FIERCE SHOOTING AROUND PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE
CARACAS, VENEZUELA (AP) - FIERCE GUNFIRE BROKE OUT AROUND THE
PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE EARLY TUESDAY IN WHAT APPEARED AN ATTEMPT TO
OVERTHROW PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. SOLDIERS WERE SHOOTING AT
PASSESBY.

THE PRESIDENT APPEARED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION SHORTLY AFTERWARD
AND DECLARED THAT LOYAL TROOPS HAD DEFEATED A MILITARY ATTEMPT.

TROOPS ALSO SURROUNDED THE GOVERNMENT PALACE.
"THE COUP MOVEMENT HASA BEEN QUELLED," PEREZ SAID. "I ASK ALL

OF YOU CONFIDENCE AND FAITH IN THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM."

HE ALSO CALLED ON ALL VENEZUELANS TO UNITE AGAINSTAN "THIS
SHAMEFUL ATTEMPT."

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